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DESIGNATION FORM

(to be used by counsel or pro se plaintiff to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to the appropriate calendar)

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

LARSENYER GREEN

Civil Action No.:

Plaintiff

V.

COMPLAINT

CLARK FILTER, INC.

Defendant.

To remedy discrimination on basis of African American

Race/skin color.

Jury Trial Demanded

NATURE OF ACTION

Plaintiff, Larsenyer Green, brings this lawsuit against Defendant, Clark Filter, to remedy racial discrimination on the part of Clark Filter. Clark Filter subjected Plaintiff to racial discrimination and a hostile and discriminatory work environment in violation of federal laws.

PARTIES

- Plaintiff, Larsenyer Green, is an adult individual, residing at 101 Cottage Avenue,
 Apartment 2E, Lancaster, PA 17602.
- At all times material hereto, Larsenyer Green, was employed by Defendant as a Team Leader and worked for Defendant for 13 years from 2005 until 2018.
- 3. Defendant, Clark Filters, located at 3649 Hempland Road, Lancaster, PA 17601. Clark Filter, Inc. manufactures filters for railroad, and marine and industrial. Clark Filter is a publicly traded corporation and operates as a subsidiary of CLARCOR, Inc. Upon information and belief, the majority of Defendant employees are white.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 4. Jurisdiction over the matter is conferred upon the Court by 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and 1332, as the cause of action arises under federal law.
- 5. Venue is proper in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, as the facts and transactions involved in the discrimination complained of herein occurred in large part in this judicial district, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

- 6. The above paragraphs are incorporated herein by reference.
- 7. In a series of unlawful, deliberate and discriminatory acts, Defendant has created a racist environment for its employees.
- Plaintiff was employed by Defendant from 2005 to the present. Upon information and belief, at her time of hire, Plaintiff was the only African American full-time Team Leader Defendant had hired since 2005.
- 9. Management at Clark continuously treated Plaintiff in a discriminatory and racist manner.

- 10. From the time of her employment, Plaintiff had been called "Aunt Jemima" by her Supervisor, Ms. Harsh. Specifically, in or about October 2005, Ms. Harsh came close beside Plaintiff and made a discriminatory comment about Plaintiff by calling her, "Aunt Jemima" and walked away.
- 11. Ms. Harsh properly trained employees when they were promoted to team lead. However, Ms. Harsh refused to train Plaintiff.
- 12. For example, in or about July-August 2005, Mr. Kurchina, a plant manager asked Plaintiff if Ms. Harsh has trained her on how to read a spec sheet, Plaintiff said "no," and Mr. Kurchina replied "that's not like her". In fact, for the first three (3) months since Plaintiff was promoted to Team Lead, under the supervision of Ms. Harsh, there was no communication or training from Ms. Harsh.
- 13. Plaintiff was subjected to a threatening and hostile work environment, because Ms. Harsh, refused to train Plaintiff on the key areas of her job, alienating Plaintiff and caused her much distress and an uncomfortable work environment.
- 14. In addition to failing to provide Plaintiff with proper training, Ms. Harsh ignored Plaintiff and barely acknowledged her.
- 15. When Plaintiff would remind Ms. Harsh that she has not been trained, Ms. Harsh responded with: "well you better come find me." One co-worker, overheard and offered to show Plaintiff the Spec sheet.
- 16. Ms. Harsh was deliberately making it difficult for Plaintiff to do her job. Ms. Harsh continuously perpetuated an intimidating and hostile work environment for Plaintiff.
- 17. In October 2005, Ms. Harsh snuck behind Plaintiff and stuck a piece of 29-inch trim in her ear. Plaintiff didn't know what was going in her ear, so she screamed. Ms. Harsh

- responded with, "Larsey we do not scream in the plant." Plaintiff asks Ms. Harsh "why are you sticking trim in my ear?"; Ms. Harsh replied, "I didn't know you were going to scream."
- 18. Ms. Harsh continued her racial remarks, calling Plaintiff "Aunt Jemima" and continued to treat Plaintiff in a threatening and hostile manner.
- 19. In or around 2008, Plaintiff finally told Ms. Harsh, "You of all people, a Supervisor should not be calling me Aunt Jemima." Ms. Harsh replied, "I was only Playing, Larsey."
- 20. In order to further harass and degrade Plaintiff, Ms. Harsh would state very loudly in front of other employees, "Larsey has a man handcuffed to her bed." All of these statements caused substantial humiliation and embarrassment to Plaintiff.
- 21. Ms. Harsh continued to make Plaintiff feel extremely uncomfortable throughout years.
 She would constantly criticize and find fault with her work even when it had been done correctly.
- 22. Then on January 17, 2018, Ms. Harsh came behind Plaintiff and whispered in her ear "Aunt Jemima" while rubbing her right hand down her right arm.
- 23. Plaintiff spoke to Human Resources about Ms. Harsh's egregious behavior in or about January 25, 2018 and also spoke with Mr. Smith, plant manager, about the various incidents described above and specifically mentioned. Mr. Smith was very understanding about the situation and spoke to Ms. Harsh.
- 24. On or about January 25, 2018, Ms. Harsh approached Plaintiff and asked if she can speak to her in her office. Ms. Harsh told Plaintiff, "Mr. Smith said that I insulted you and I have to fix it." Plaintiff told Ms. Harsh, "When you say something like that to someone

- they don't forget..." At that point, Plaintiff was so distressed she walked out of work and did not return.
- 25. Due to Ms. Harsh's extreme egregious behavior toward Plaintiff, Plaintiff suffered through extreme mental and emotional distress and decided to take a leave of absence from work and see a Psychologist and start counseling.
- 26. In or around February 2018, Plaintiff returned to Clark as she needed to earn a living.
- 27. Since her return to work, Ms. Harsh had not improved her attitude towards Plaintiff and there is still minimal communication between them.
- 28. The actions of the Defendant were acts of discrimination, with no valid business purpose or justification.
- Plaintiff was unfairly targeted and discriminated against solely based on the color of her skin.
- 30. The actions of the Defendant have caused and continue to cause Plaintiff to suffer substantial shame and embarrassment.

CAUSES OF ACTION

COUNT I 42 U.S.C. § 1981 RACE BASED DISCRIMINATION

- 31. The above paragraphs are incorporated herein by reference.
- 32. Clark Filter evidenced a settled intent to discriminate against Plaintiff by interfering with Plaintiff's rights to the performance and enjoyment of her contract of employment
- 33. Clark Filter intentionally restricted the Plaintiff's contractual benefits based upon illicit discrimination.

- 34. The aforesaid conduct of Clark Filter was intentional and undertaken in reckless disregard for the federally protected civil rights of Plaintiff.
- 35. Because of the said violation of 42 U.S.C. § 1981, Plaintiff has suffered discrimination, humiliation, embarrassment, and other harms, and is entitled to entry of judgment in his favor, and against Defendant, together with an award of declaratory and injunctive relief, damages, and ancillary relief as provided by 42 U.S.C. § 1988.

COUNT II 2 U.S.C. Sec. 1985 CIVIL RIGHTS CONSPIRACY

- 36. The foregoing paragraphs are incorporated herein by reference.
- 37. The foregoing conduct of Defendants violated Plaintiff's rights pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Sec.1985, which proscribes any agreement or conspiracy to violate Plaintiff's federally protected civil rights, including those rights under 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1981.

COUNT III INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS

- 38. The actions of the Defendant, were designed to emotionally harm Plaintiff by causing her to subsist in an overwhelming, intimidating and hostile work environment.
- 39. The conduct Defendant was intentional, oppressive, malicious and/or in wanton disregard of the rights and feelings of Plaintiff and constitutes despicable conduct, and by reason thereof Plaintiff demands exemplary or punitive damages against Defendant in an amount appropriate to punish Defendant and to deter Defendant and others from such conduct in the future.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment in her favor and against Defendants individually, jointly and/or severally, together with interest, costs, punitive damages, attorney's fees and such other and further relief as this Honorable Court deems just, including equitable injunctive relief.

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